



Ornate masks, gourmet cheeses and a bounty of wine were three of the many attractions at Stuttgart's 2003 Officers and Civilians Spouses' Club's Spring Bazaar March 21 to 23 on Patch Barracks.

Bazaar benefits Stuttgart community

By Hugh C. McBride

A shopper's dilemma: pass a leisurely afternoon searching for treasure, or instead spend the time raising money for charity?

Thanks to the Stuttgart Officers and Civilians Spouses' Club, area consumers could do both at once.

March 21 to 23, the 2003 edition of the OCSC's annual Spring Bazaar raised more than \$80,000 for the military community, 90 percent of which will be returned directly to Stuttgart organ-

izations, said Sherri Funk, OCSC bazaar chairperson.

"When you volunteer to help the Stuttgart OCSC, you help our community," Funk said.

In addition to the bazaar, the club is also responsible for the Patch Barracks Thrift Shop, located in the basement of building 2307.

In the past three years, the bazaar and thrift shop's proceeds have allowed the OCSC to donate more than \$220,000 to the military community, with the bulk of that money going to schools

and youth programs, Funk said.

Though an increased operational tempo and a heightened force protection condition – not to mention a major protest scheduled outside Patch the Saturday of the bazaar – could have put a damper on this year's effort, Funk said the Stuttgart community pulled together to ensure the event's success.

Donni Hodgkins, OCSC president, concurred. "It is important to recognize the entire community for its efforts in making the bazaar a fabulous success," she said.

6th ASG honors women's history at Patch Barracks breakfast seminar

Story & photo by Melanie Casey

In conjunction with National Women's History Month, the 6th Area Support Group Equal Opportunity Office hosted a breakfast seminar March 21 in the Swabian Special Events Center on Patch Barracks.

The theme of this year's event was "Women Pioneering the Future," featuring guest speaker Tracy Pinson, director of the Army Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization.

Pinson addressed the audience about issues that have affected women over the years, from the suffrage movement to women in the armed forces. American women have played an integral role in the military, she said, since the days of the Revolutionary War when they served as spies.

Women have played an ever-increasing role in the military since then, Pinson noted, adding that during Operation Desert Storm, 35,000 women participated, 40 percent of whom were African American.

Today, 15 percent of the Army and 25 percent of the Army Reserve is comprised of women, Pinson said.

When asked what advice she would give to those wishing to rise to the top in the Army, she said that one should broaden his or her horizons, apply for management and intern programs, and seek out tough developmental assignments that others don't want.

She said it is important for individuals to put themselves in an environment to meet other people and develop their network. "The key to effective management is getting along with people," she said. "If you don't have



Tracy Pinson describes some of the many accomplishments of females in the military during a seminar held for Women's History Month.

people skills, do not be a supervisor."

Pinson said that women today should not settle on being cheerleaders and should instead focus on getting "in the game."

"A woman's place is in the House," she said, "and the Senate."

Despite a late start due to a protest at the Patch gate, audience members concurred that the National Women's History Month breakfast seminar was informative, entertaining, and well worth the wait.

Pinson, breakfast-goers agreed, demonstrated that women indeed have come a long way.

Stuttgart Beat

Stuttgart-area changes, closures

■ The **Women, Infants and Children (Overseas)** office on Patch Barracks will be closed April 14 to 18. For more information about WIC-O in the 6th Area Support Group call 430-4608/civ. 0711-680-4608.

■ The **Panzer Kaserne Installation Coordinator's** office has moved to building 2974 (next to the commissary).

■ The Sunday night **Praise and Worship** service in the Patch Barracks Chapel now begins at 6 p.m.

Family Assistance Hotline activated

The Army has activated the 24-hour Family Assistance Hotline for family members of deployed soldiers.

The hotline number is (U.S.) 1-800-833-6622.

IACS registration continues

All U.S. identification cardholders and installation pass holders and applicants within U.S. Army, Europe, must register for the new Installation Access Control System.

Office hours (Patch Barracks, building 2307) are Mondays to Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information visit the IACS Web site at www.hqsareur.army.mil, call 430-4256/civ. 0711-680-4256 or e-mail arthur.williamson@stuapo.pmo.army.mil.

Custodial feedback session

The 6th Area Support Group is hosting a custodial performance feedback session April 30, 10 a.m., in the Patch Theater. Representatives of the 6th ASG Directorate of Public Works and the cleaning contractor will be present.

For details contact the following:

■ Patch Barracks or Department of Defense Dependents Schools customers: Call Anne Campbell at 430-5535/civ. 0711-680-5535 or e-mail campbella@6asg.army.mil.

■ Panzer/Kelley/RB/Stuttgart Army Airfield customers: Call Yohannes Russom at 421-6267/civ. 0711-729-6267 or e-mail russomy@6asg.army.mil.

PHS seeks college reps

The Patch High School Parent Teacher Student Association is recruiting volunteers to represent their college at the 2003 College Fair May 15, 6 to 8 p.m., in the school forum.

To volunteer call Lynn Menches at 07159-939-707 or e-mail patchcollegefair@yahoo.com.

24-Hour Marathon needs volunteers

The organizing committee for Stuttgart's annual 24-Hour Marathon needs members. This event raised more than \$12,000 for local youth organizations last year.

To help support this effort call Lt. Col. Chris Roelofs at 07031-418-691 or e-mail roelofsiii@hotmail.com.

Weight management classes begin

Stuttgart's next series of Core Four Weight Management classes is April 17 to May 22. Classes are Thursdays, noon to 1 p.m., in the Stuttgart Wellness Center (Patch Barracks, building 2307, second floor). For more information call Michelle Saylor at 430-4073/civ. 0711-680-4073.

AWAG schedules Spring Conference

American Women's Activities Germany will host its 47th Annual Spring Conference May 4 to 8 in the Armed Forces Recreation Center in Chiemsee.

For enrollment information in the 6th ASG e-mail awagschwaben@yahoo.com.

OCSC plays Crystal Bingo

Stuttgart's Officers and Civilians Spouses' Club is hosting a members-only Crystal Bingo evening April 15, 6:30 p.m. in the Swabian Special Events Center. Entry fee is \$10.

To make a reservation for this event, contact Kelly Roth (0711-620-4862) or Londa Gemeinhardt (0711-120-8461 or gemeinhard@aol.com) no later than April 8th.

Golf course sponsors tournament

Sign up now for the April 13 Opening Day Scramble tournament at the Stuttgart Golf Course. The event begins with an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start. The entry fee is \$20 for members and \$30 for nonmembers.

To register call 07141-879-151 or visit the pro shop.

Softball, baseball umpires needed

The Stuttgart-area Little League is in dire need of volunteer umpires. The league will provide training and pay for certification. For details contact Garry Smith at 07152-358-268 or e-mail garry.smith@cmtymail.6asg.army.mil.